PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshihiro SASAYA et al.

Application No.: Rule 53(b) Continuation Application of Application No. 10/032,462, filed January 2, 2002

Filed:

Docket No.: 104681.03

For:

PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHOD WITH ADJUSTMENT OF

ROTATIONALLY ASYMMETRIC OPTICAL CHARACTERISTICS (AS

AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

Remarks.